

**Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in
The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross on Monday 16 November 2009**

245 Present

Cllrs B Molog (Chair), M Nash, D Molog, K Sutherland, B Garner, T Bruce, G Parsons, J Blaker, R Perrin and B Tooley.

246 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from K Saxby, T Comerford and P Marshall.

247 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 October 2009 were read, approved and signed

248 Matters Arising

Councillors asked the Clerk to get two prices for the works highlighted in the ROSPA report.

249 Disclosure of Interests

D and B Molog and K Sutherland declared a personal interest in item 261. B Molog is a Trustee of Stone Cross Mill. M Nash is a Director of the Westham and Pevensy Transport Partnership and he is on the Committee of Westham Village Hall. R Perrin is a volunteer worker for Wealden Citizens' Advice.

250 Correspondence

The Clerk read from the attached correspondence list and the correspondence was noted.

251 Reports from Committee Meetings

D Molog	Finance & General Purposes	9 November 2009
B Tooley	Parks and Open Spaces	9 November 2009
D Molog	Environment and Planning	9 November

2009

252 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

M Nash said the Emergency Plan Sub-Committee announced a Severe Weather

Warning but the bad weather passed over relatively uneventfully.

253 Reports from Outside Meetings

B Tooley and T Comerford attended the Parish Conference at Uckfield. Wealden asked for volunteers for the Wealden Walk and asked everyone to consider walks they can promote. Those present were also shown recycling arrangements and told by Pam Doodles that Wealden is currently doing a very professional job.

G Parsons and B Garner attended a meeting about Trees in the Planning Process where they were shown how to read the plans in respect of trees.

K Sutherland attended the Stone Cross Memorial Hall Meeting, the improvements there are ongoing and more funds are needed.

M Nash attended the Local Transport Partnership Meeting. They aim to buy a second hand bus for private hire to increase their income.

The meeting was then suspended.

254 Reports from County/District Councillors

County Councillor Freebody sent his apologies and said he had nothing to report on this occasion.

There were no reports from the District Councillors.

255 Questions from Members of the Public

D Gay from Red Dyke Residents' Association asked the Parish Council to consider the changes the Association would like to see in Adur Park taken into account, when they set the precept.

S Baird asked if the Parish Council are to take over the maintenance of the closed Churchyard.

The meeting was then re-opened.

256 Emergency Plan - Update

The Emergency Plan is up to date and the emergency radio has been tested and is working well. There are swine flu notices in the national newspapers.

257 Business Plan Update

The Business Plan Working Party met and made some minor updates to the Business Plan. B Molog will make the changes and circulate the revised plan for approval at the next Full Council Meeting.

258 Adur Park Update

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to get prices for the following works in Adur Park;

- 1: The removal of the shrubs and trees at the Friday Street end, where there have been anti social problems.
- 2: To cut the shrubs at the far end behind the swings to 1m high.
- 3: To remove the existing entrance on Friday Street and make good. A new vehicular access to be constructed in front of the newly cleared trees.
- 4: For the hedging at the Friday Street end to be removed and new fencing installed up to the new entrance.
- 5: The suggestion to install picnic tables and benches was discussed but was not considered to be a priority.

259 Westham Pond Update

The Parish Council accepted Westham Pond Working Party's recommendations that the debris from the pond is cleared, some of the trees are cut back and the brambles and willow branches are removed. The Parish Council agreed that the area needs to retain its rural environment and its habitat for flora and fauna and that any clearance needs to be carried out as soon as possible. They had already sought prices and the Parish Council accepted the price from Chaffins and asked that the work goes ahead as soon as possible.

The benches also need replacing but these are memorial benches and will be considered at a later meeting.

260 Precept Requirements for 2010/11

Councillors considered the grant applications for 2010/11 and resolved that the following are awarded;

Stone Cross Mill	£ 350.00
Westham Village Hall	£2400.00
St Mary's Church (Noah's Ark)	£ 200.00
Stone Cross Memorial Hall	£1400.00
Pevensey and Westham Toddlers	£ 200.00
Pevensey and Westham Playgroup	£ 200.00
Wealden Citizens' Advice	£ 400.00
Westham and Pevensey Local Transport	£1250.00

	£6400.00

£2000.00 of the money awarded to Westham Village Hall is for replacement boilers and £1000.00 of the money awarded to Stone Cross Memorial Hall is for replacing the canopy at the front of the hall. These will be paid upon receipt of the quotes and invoices. The balance of £400 paid to each is for general running costs.

Councillors turned down the application from Stone Cross Pre-School but asked the Clerk to refer them to St John the Baptist Trust.

Councillors also resolved not to pay The Pump £1500.00 towards its running costs next year as they felt by a vote of 9 to 1 that very little in the Pump relates to the villages of Stone Cross, Westham or Hankham.

The Clerk read through the precept calculations previously distributed to Councillors and recommended that the precept for 2010/11 is £127,966. This is based on the figures provided and an increase of 1.5% in line with inflation. Councillors resolved that the precept for 2010/11 is £127,966.

261 Request to Change Sale of Land Policy

Mr Mclean had asked the Parish Council to consider changing its Sale of Land Policy following incidents of anti social behaviour at the side of his and a neighbouring property. Councillors resolved that the policy must remain but agreed to consider other ways of alleviating the problems.

Councillors also agreed that B Tooley takes the matter to the Police Panel meeting.

261 Questions From Members

K Sutherland asked if there is any update on the proposed new Indian Restaurant next to Tesco.

J Blaker asked for the lights to be repaired by Tesco.

262 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered.